

for output signals from said phase difference track error detecting means on the first information face and the second information face; and

wherein said system control means controls the system so that the delays or leads of the signals from the respective light responsive parts of said light detecting means are changed to a phase offset signal that is read out from said storage means and corresponds to the target information face when the jumping and seeking are performed by said focus jumping means.

b1 15/ 48. An optical disk apparatus as claimed in claim 8/ 41, wherein said storage means stores a parameter of a focus control and a tracking control corresponding to the first and second information face, and the parameter of the focus control and tracking control is changed when a jumping is performed by said focus jumping means.--

#### REMARKS

By this Amendment, the Applicants have canceled claims 20-33 in favor of new claims 34-48.

In response to the Office Action requiring an election of species under 35 USC § 121, Applicants provisionally elect species 5 of the present application. The Applicants submit that newly added claims 34-48 read on the elected species. Accordingly, examination on the merits of claims 34-48 is respectfully requested.

Moreover, the Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's restriction requirement for at least the following reasons.

The Applicants submit that the Examiner has incorrectly deemed each of the 33 originally filed claims and each of the 33 "aspects" of the invention discussed in the summary of the invention as corresponding to separate species. However, the Applicants provide the following table which correctly provides a relationship between species, figures, and embodiments of the present application.

SPECIES	FIGURES	EMBODIMENTS
1	1, 2, 4, 10-12, 18, and 23	1
2	1, 2, 4, 10-12, 18, and 23	4-7
3	1, 2, 4, 8, 10-12, 18, and 23	2-3
4	1, and 13-16	8
5	1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 25, and 26	9-14

The Applicants submit that the aforementioned table provides a correct breakdown of the species of the present application.

Accordingly, although the Applicants traverse the Examiner's assertion that the application is drawn to 33 species, the Applicants, in order to completely reply to the restriction requirement, elect species 5 of the invention, and note that newly added claims 34-48 read on the elected species.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of new claims 34-48 is respectfully requested.

In the event, however, that the Examiner has any comments or suggestions of a nature necessary to place this case in condition for allowance, then the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney by telephone to promptly resolve any such matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Katsuya WATANABE et al.

By: 

Dhiren R. Oedra  
Registration No. 41,227  
Attorney for Applicants

DRO/aeH  
Washington, D.C.  
Telephone (202) 721-8200  
Facsimile (202) 721-8250  
September 5, 2000

B